

# **Pinellas County**

*315 Court Street, 5th Floor Assembly Room  
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

**9:30 AM**

**BCC Assembly Room**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

*Janet C. Long, Chairman  
Kenneth T. Welch, Vice-Chairman  
Dave Eggers  
Pat Gerard  
Charlie Justice  
John Morroni  
Karen Williams Seel*

**ROLL CALL - 9:32 A.M.**

**Present:** 7 - Chairman Janet C. Long, Vice-Chairman Kenneth T. Welch, Dave Eggers, Pat Gerard, Charlie Justice, John Morroni, and Karen Williams Seel

**Others Present:** Jewel White, Chief Assistant County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Jenny Masinovsky and Michael P. Schmidt, Board Reporters, Deputy Clerks.

**INVOCATION by Pastor Bob Scott with Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church in Clearwater**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. African American History Month Proclamation - Terri Lipsey Scott, Chair of the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum in St. Petersburg.

Chairman Long remarked on the achievements of African Americans over the past century, noting that 2017 marks the 102nd anniversary of the founding of Black History Month by Dr. Carter G. Woodson; and that the Association for the Study of African American Life and History has selected *The Crisis in Black Education* as its 2017 National Black History theme.

Ms. Lipsey Scott thanked the Board for the proclamation; whereupon, Commissioner Welch expressed appreciation for her leadership.

2. Partner Presentation:  
2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc. - Micki Thompson, Executive Director.

Ms. Thompson referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Partner Presentation 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc.*, which has been made a part of the record, and discussed the organization, its functions, programs, and services, and trends in call types and volume; whereupon, she responded to queries by the members.

**CONSENT AGENDA - Items 1 through 6**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Justice, that the Consent Agenda items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

Reports received for filing:

3. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, 2017 Annual Audit Plan.
4. Palm Harbor Community Services Agency, Inc. 2015-2016 Annual Reports.

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

##### Utilities

5. Award of bid to Insituform Technologies, LLC for requirements of cured-in-place pipelining rehabilitation services for large diameter sanitary sewer pipelines.  
  
Bid No. 156-0551-CP (PID No. 002747A) in the amount of \$2,399,533.70 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 730 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

#### AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

##### Emergency Medical Services Authority

6. Issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for non-medical wheelchair and stretcher van transport providers.  
  
Certificates issued to the following providers in accordance with Chapter 54, Pinellas County Code. Chairman authorized to sign the certificates.

Americhair Transport Service, Inc.  
Care Ride, LLC  
MedFleet, Inc.  
Wheelchair/Stretcher Limo, Inc.  
Wheelchair Transport Service, Inc.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Animal Services

7. Authority to advertise a public hearing to be held on February 21, 2017, regarding a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the County Code relating to animals.

Responding to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, Sandy Mesmer, Clearwater, and P. K. Lichtenberger, St. Petersburg, presented their comments and concerns; whereupon, Chairman Long clarified that the item is an Authority to Advertise; and that there will be additional opportunities for public comment.

Commissioner Seel stated that while she will be supporting hobby breeders, in her opinion, those breeders should be subject to inspection, and noted a personal experience regarding an uninspected breeder; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers discussed the importance of moving forward with an ordinance, and Chairman Long provided input.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morroni, seconded by Vice-Chairman Welch, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

County Administrator

8. WorkNet Pinellas, Inc., d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas, 2016 - 2020 Local Workforce Services Plan Modification.

Modification approved as required by the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 and the State of Florida.

**A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Welch, seconded by Commissioner Morroni, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

9. Memorandum of Understanding between WorkNet Pinellas, Inc., d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas and the Florida Department of Education Division of Blind Services relating to the 2016 to 2020 Local Workforce Services Plan.

Memorandum of Understanding approved as required by the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 and the State of Florida.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

10. Memorandum of Understanding between WorkNet Pinellas, Inc., d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas and the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation relating to the 2016 - 2020 Local Workforce Services Plan.

Memorandum of Understanding approved as required by the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 and the State of Florida.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Vice-Chairman Welch, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

11. County Administrator miscellaneous - None.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

12. County Attorney miscellaneous - None.

Deviating from the agenda, Chairman Long indicated that an additional agenda item would be heard at this time.

Allocation of BP Funds related to Happy Workers Learning Center, Inc./R' Club Child Care, Inc.

Distribution of \$150,000 in BP Settlement Funds reallocated from Happy Workers Learning Center, Inc. to R'Club Child Care, Inc.

Commissioner Welch referred to an email received from R'Club Executive Director Arthur O'Hara, indicating that it relates to \$150,000 in County BP funds awarded to Happy Workers Learning Center; and that the funds had been set aside to restore a structure and to improve education and impact poverty in the local community.

Commissioner Welch related that due to various issues outlined in the email, an agreement was entered into between R'Club and Happy Workers, in which R'Club will acquire the entity; and that the request is that the \$150,000 be reallocated to R'Club; whereupon, he discussed the Strategic Vision and the goal of impacting poverty by improving education.

During discussion and in response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. O'Hara discussed the Management Agreement between R'Club and Happy Workers, relating that it was signed and became effective February 1, 2017; that the agreement will terminate on or before June 1; and that Happy Workers will be fully acquired by that date; whereupon, he indicated that renovating the facilities could cost up to \$600,000; that a legislative funding request for \$350,000 has been submitted; that a request for

\$150,000 will be submitted to the City of St. Petersburg; and that a donor has pledged \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Mr. O'Hara related that Happy Workers Learning Center will retain the use of its name; that the school system has offered R'Club a portable classroom; that 62 students presently attend the institution; and that worker pay will be increased to attract quality individuals; whereupon, Chairman Long encouraged Mr. O'Hara to partner with the City of St. Petersburg, citing the ability to have additional leverage with regard to the State Legislature.

**A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Welch, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seal

## AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

### Human Resources

13. Increase to the contract with Randstad General Partner (US) LLC for requirements of temporary staffing services.

(Contract No. 101-0217-P) Increase in the amount of \$3,463,465.00 approved for a revised amount of \$18,385,866.80; contract effective through December 31, 2017.

**A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Welch, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seal

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

14. County Administrator Reports:  
- Wastewater/Stormwater Task Force Update  
- Budget Forecast - Fiscal Years 2018 through 2023

### **Wastewater/Stormwater Task Force Update**

Mr. Woodard provided background information, indicating that the Task Force was convened last fall under the leadership of then Chairman Charlie Justice; that the group is comprised of subject matter experts from each of the utilities in Pinellas County, elected officials, and community leaders; and that it was charged with creating an action plan within 90 days to mitigate the release of sewage into the environment and provide additional capacity within the system. He indicated that today's presentation is a condensed version of the report presented to the Steering Committee on January 30.

Assistant County Administrator Bill Breckinridge, Public Works Director Rahim Harji, and City of Tarpon Springs Public Services Director Paul Smith conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Wastewater/Stormwater Task Force, Initial Action Plan*, which has been made a part of the record, and discussed the following topics:

- Steering Committee and Technical Working Group composition
- Overlapping watershed boundaries
- Countywide utilities capacities
- Causes of sewage overflows and associated level of control by Utilities
- Storm preparation and response
- 2015-2016 Storm events producing significantly above average rainfall amounts
- Storm sewer and sanitary sewer connections
- Options to reduce wet weather flow impacts
- Initial action plan/timeline
- Long-term actions
- Key points

Mr. Smith indicated that expanding storage and wastewater treatment capacity will treat the symptoms, and reducing inflow and infiltration through targeted projects would address sewage overflows at the source; and that all activities included in the initial and long-term actions are priorities and can be worked on simultaneously.

During discussion, Messrs. Harji, Smith, Woodard, and Utilities Engineering Director Kevin Becotte responded to queries by the members as follows:

- Protocols for storm preparation and response are standard across the County, and there is good communication between entities.
- Plans for new developments are evaluated with regard to utilities system capacity.
- While programs encouraging improvement of private systems are being considered, a legislative initiative would benefit all.
- Some studies on inflow and infiltration have been completed and some are underway throughout the County; surface water projects impacting the sewer systems will be prioritized for Penny funding.
- The County has ongoing and prospective programs to identify and fix defects in the pipelines; over the last decade, 70 of the approximately 950 miles of gravity sewer pipe have been lined at a cost of \$3.5 to \$4 million dollars a year.

Commissioner Eggers requested further information with regard to the current condition of the sewer system, and Mr. Woodard discussed funding and indicated that following recommendations of the Task Force, further discussions between staff and the Board will be held regarding next year's budget. Commissioner Seel opined that inadequate drainage systems are the problem; and that the Board has the authority to construct and maintain those under the County Charter; whereupon, she requested that the County

Attorney research the possibility of instituting a countywide stormwater fee.

The members thanked Commissioner Justice for his leadership on the matter; whereupon, he expressed appreciation to the Technical Working Group, noting that formation of the Task Force was not a political knee-jerk reaction to the issues encountered during last year's storms.

### **Budget Forecast - Fiscal Years 2018 through 2023**

Mr. Woodard referred to the document titled *Budget Forecast FY18 - FY23, Pinellas County, Florida, Office of Management and Budget*, which has been made a part of the record, indicating that it provides a detailed financial forecast encompassing ten of the Commission's funds; and that five of them will be discussed today.

Budget and Financial Management Analyst James Abernathy, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Budget Forecast: FY18-23*, which has been made a part of the record, and discussed purposes of the forecast, noting that pursuant to its Strategic Plan, the County strives to be a responsible steward of the public's resources; and that a multi-year forecast is helpful in understanding the impact that today's decisions have on its long-term fiscal sustainability. He indicated that detailed forecast information is available for the public on the Citizen's Guide to the Budget website; and that it is regularly updated.

Mr. Abernathy indicated that revenue and expenditure projections are made using a set of assumptions based on input from internal and external sources; that individual fund forecast summaries and pro-formas are prepared for each of the County's ten key funds; and that there are factors outside of the County's control which may have a positive or negative impact on its economy and the accuracy of the forecast. He related that the economy continues to show overall slow and steady growth, as demonstrated by tourism and the housing market, even though growth in taxable values is still below the normal trend; and that renewal of the Penny for Pinellas sales tax is not assumed in the forecast.

Referring to graphs showing projected revenues, expenditures, and reserve levels, Mr. Abernathy and OMB Director Bill Berger related that the General Fund is balanced over the forecast period without millage increases; that the Tourist Development Council Fund is balanced and is projected to continue growing by almost 300 percent by 2023; and that the Emergency Medical Services and Sewer Funds are also balanced; whereupon, Mr. Berger discussed making long-term forecasts in the sewer capital program, indicating that the reserve level target is 30 percent; and that it is the only fund where debt service is used.

In response to queries by the members, Messrs. Abernathy, Woodard, and Berger related that Communication Services Tax revenue is projected to decline and then remain flat due to the decreased use of land lines; that General Fund revenue forecasts are accurate within 1 to 2 percent, erring on the conservative side, and will be updated until the budget is adopted; that although property values are growing, revenue is limited



and does not warrant a millage decrease; that county and municipal millages would need to be increased by 1.4 and 1 mill, respectively, should the Penny tax not be approved; and that the Tourist Development capital fund balance will be in excess of \$30 million by the end of this year.

Referring to a graph, OMB Manager Cecilia McCorkell related that while the Surface Water Fund is not balanced over the forecast period, the fund balance would be used to address gaps between revenues and expenditures in the forecasted years; whereupon, she discussed various programs and balancing strategies.

Mr. Woodard indicated that discussion regarding changing the current three-tier model for surface water assessment to a five-tier, provided that is the Board's desire, should occur today to be implemented in Fiscal Year 2018, and discussion ensued. Responding to queries by the members, he referred to a consultant report produced prior to adoption of the stormwater utility and discussed funding options proposed to address the need to improve the surface water quality within the unincorporated area, noting that the three-tier model was chosen based on equity and is prevalent among peers not using a flat rate; whereupon, he indicated that if the Board wishes to maintain the current policy, staff will analyze the data and provide a more detailed evaluation at a future date.

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

##### 15. Public comment.

Veatrice Farrell, Tierra Verde, re request for work session  
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re ban the muse within  
Greg Pound, Largo, re families

During discussion and in response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Farrell provided further information regarding her request for a future work session to discuss the South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area. Mr. Woodard indicated that it may be appropriate for a discussion to first take place with the St. Petersburg City Council; that it could then come before the County Commission if there are remaining issues; and that his office can provide Ms. Farrell with any reports that are received from St. Petersburg with regard to the CRA.

#### COUNTY COMMISSION

##### 16. Appointments to the Economic Development Council.

Sheila I. Drohan, Daniel J. FitzPatrick, Mark Hunt, Sara E. Moola, and Rickey J. Wilson appointed and Kyle Barr and Matt Becker reappointed for two-year terms.

In response to queries by Commissioner Morroni, Mr. Woodard related that previous appointments to the Economic Development Council have been from Tampa Bay area

business owners; and that state statute does not require residency within Pinellas County. Discussion ensued regarding the maximum number of members permitted to serve, the number of members currently serving, and the mix of residents and business owners from Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties; whereupon, Commissioner Welch expressed his desire that more people be made aware of the opportunity to serve and, in response to his queries, Mr. Woodard agreed to follow up with further information.

**A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Welch, seconded by Commissioner Morrone, that the appointments be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morrone, and Commissioner Seel

**17. Appointments to the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Citizen Advisory Committee.**

Danielle Barber and Brian Ellis appointed following a ballot vote.

During discussion and in response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Attorney White discussed the potential for a conflict of interest if Pam DeDea were appointed to the Citizen Advisory Committee; whereupon, Mr. Woodard noted that Pastor DeDea does not currently have a conflict; and that her church is not receiving any benefit from the CRA.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morrone, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the appointments be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morrone, and Commissioner Seel

**18. Appointments to the Tourist Development Council.**

Indian Rocks Beach Commissioner Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy and Oldsmar Mayor Doug Bevis appointed following a ballot vote; appointments of Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos and St. Petersburg Councilman Charlie Gerdes approved. Members serve a four-year term.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Vice-Chairman Welch, that the appointments of Commissioner Kennedy and Mayor Bevis be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morrone, and Commissioner Seel

**A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Welch, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the appointments of Mayor Cretekos and Councilman Gerdes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morrone, and Commissioner Seel

Deviating from the agenda, Chairman Long indicated that Item 20 would be discussed at this time.

20. County Commission miscellaneous:
- Discussion of Pinellas County Housing Finance Authority Appointment
  - Discussion of Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board Local Bill.

**Pinellas County Housing Finance Authority (HFA) Appointment**

Noting the current state of affairs with regard to the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board and its Executive Director, Rodney Fischer, Chairman Long indicated that since Mr. Fischer is also the Chairman of the HFA, the Board should consider taking action relating to his removal and replacement, and discussion ensued.

HFA Attorney Michael Cronin pointed out that the HFA is a Dependent Special District created by the BCC, which controls its Board appointments; and that should the Board desire to remove Mr. Fischer, he recommends advertising to fill the vacancy, noting that the HFA Board would continue functioning with its four remaining members in the meantime; whereupon, he described the valuable work done by the HFA for the community.

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Cronin indicated that the HFA Chairman has historically been appointed by the HFA Board members; that due to the complexity of the business, he suggests selecting from the existing membership; and that although HFA Vice-Chairman Casey Cane is now an elected official, he can continue serving on the Board.

Responding to query by Commissioner Justice, Attorney White indicated that she will review the law for any conflict with regard to Mr. Cane serving on the HFA Board; whereupon, she advised the Board as follows:

1. Removal of Mr. Fischer should be without cause.
2. Ensure that certain areas of expertise are present on the Board with regard to its current and prospective members, pursuant to the Ordinance.
3. The individual appointment to fill the vacancy will run through the expiration of Mr. Fischer's current tenure.

**Vice-Chairman Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Justice, that Mr. Fischer be removed from the HFA Board without cause. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Long, Vice-Chairman Welch, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Seel

Following the vote, Chairman Long directed Attorney White to send letters to Messrs. Fischer and Cronin regarding the Board's action.

**Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (PCCLB) Local Bill**

Referring to his memorandum dated February 3, 2017 and the attached Proposed Local Bill Amendment draft, which have been made a part of the record, Mr. Woodard

indicated that all the previously proposed changes remain, except for the item bringing the PCCLB under the BCC as a department of the County Administrator, which was removed based upon the discussion at the February 2 joint BCC/Legislative Delegation meeting. He noted that the change in governance would also have required additional public notice. Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard reviewed the draft modifications in detail.

The members thanked Mr. Woodard for his efforts and, noting that the current bill may not fully address all the issues, discussed the PCCLB structure, term limits, transparency of the meetings and the possibility of the minutes being recorded by the Clerk's Office, customer complaints, and Board accountability.

Responding to query by Chairman Long regarding legal representation, Attorney White explained that the County Attorney provides services to the PCCLB through an interlocal agreement; and that to avoid conflicts of interest, especially in contentious situations, the Commission and entities such as the Legislative Delegation and the PCCLB are represented by separate Assistant County Attorneys or outside counsel. Mr. Woodard provided input, noting that the HFA utilizes its own counsel, and suggested that the PCCLB be required to do the same.

In response to query by Chairman Long, Intergovernmental Liaison Mary Scott Hardwick provided information regarding the local bill process, indicating that the bill was properly noticed; that the deadline for its filing with the State was met; and that the sponsor is State Representative Larry Ahern.

### **County Commission miscellaneous**

#### Commissioner Morroni

- Thanked the members and the public for attending the 22nd Annual Appreciation Luncheon for Emergency Personnel, noting that \$42,000 was raised for a charity dealing with critical crisis management for firefighters and emergency medical personnel.

#### Commissioner Seel

- Related her concerns about a public art project at the St. Petersburg Pier not being publicly vetted or presented to the BCC.

#### Commissioner Long

- Discussed proposed legislation eliminating funding of Visit Florida, noting that 100,000 jobs could be at risk with a \$9 billion annual impact to the County. The members expressed their support for Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater and Visit Florida with expanded accountability for the latter, and Commissioner Seel noted the importance of also supporting Enterprise Florida which brings high wage paying jobs to the area. The Board directed Mr. Woodard to send a letter to the State in support

of continuing funding of the above agencies.

19. County Commission Board Reports.

Commissioner Seel

- American Manufacturing Skills Initiative: The board meetings were rescheduled and she will be able to attend. She will be meeting with the AMskills Executive Director Thomas Mudano and an apprentice working for BIC Graphic USA.
- Homeless Leadership Board: A Sunshine Law review was conducted. The Board had a very clean annual audit and is working on a strategic plan.
- Early Learning Coalition: A Sunshine Law review was conducted. A fundraising run will be held on April 1 at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve.
- Juvenile Welfare Board: The Board will meet on the day of the BCC Strategic Planning session. The members have been invited to attend the 23rd Annual Cooperman-Bogue KidsFirst Awards Luncheon on March 10.
- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority: The members received a presentation regarding a mobile application for real-time transit information and plans by the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Polytechnic University, and industry partners for a large scale automobile testing facility.
- Take Stock In Children: While it was not an appointment by the BCC, this year she will be chairing the Committee, which is a part of the Pinellas County Education Foundation. A new Chief Executive Officer will be starting soon.

Commissioner Justice

- Gulf Consortium: The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, February 8.

Commissioner Gerard

- Public Safety Coordinating Council: Yesterday's meeting included a presentation regarding a recent rise in fatalities resulting from the use of a designer drug. Chairman Long suggested that the Board request a presentation by Chief Medical Examiner Jon Thogmartin.
- Value Adjustment Board (VAB): The Board will hold a meeting soon to consider the magistrates' decisions and select an attorney.
- Youth Advisory Committee: The group toured the jail last week.

Commissioner Morroni

- Forward Pinellas: The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, February 8.

Commissioner Eggers

- Forward Pinellas: Multimodal impact fees and updates regarding Belcher Road and Regional Transit Plan will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting.
- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority: The Authority discussed an agreement with Hillsborough Area Regional Transit to improve efficiency. A new after hours and weekend service began this week in three areas of the county.
- Tampa Bay Water: The next meeting will take place on February 20, which is the Employee In Service Day.
- Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area Leadership Group: Representatives from Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco Counties discussed ways to work together toward their goals.
- School Transportation Safety Committee: The Committee discussed its future and decided to remain intact and potentially meet once a year or as needed.

Commissioner Welch

- Florida Local Government Investment Trust Board: He learned a lot at the initial meeting in Orlando. The Board manages over \$1.5 billion in assets, including \$20 million from Pinellas County.
- CareerSource Pinellas: The ad hoc committee met to update the bylaws for membership on the audit committee, as well as the interlocal agreement between CareerSource and Pinellas County. Attorney White is assisting the group with the amendments.

Chairman Long

- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council: The Innovation in Regional Transportation Summit will take place on February 16 at the Carillon Park Hilton and the members are invited to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT - 1:12 P.M.**

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By *Palone J. Smutko*  
Deputy Clerk

*Kenneth T. Welch*  
VICE-Chairman

